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GSU 2010 Table Tennis Team

GSU table tennis team hosts national tournament

By Kimberly Snapp
Contributing Writer

With less than a full year as a competitive team, Governors State University's table tennis team has already made it to the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association Regional Tournament.

This is the first year GSU has had a table tennis team. The team is not only participating in the NCTTA Regional Tournament, but will be hosting the actual event, right here at the GSU campus.

Teams from Michigan Technological University, Northwestern University, Purdue University, possibly University of Chicago, University of Illinois-Chicago,

University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, along with the GSU team will battle it out in the gym of the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center starting at 9:30 a.m. and competing all day with only a mid-day break at lunch.

According to Dr. T.J. Wang, head coach of the team and Associate Professor of Accounting, the table tennis team was formally established this year.

"Last year we were only a table tennis club," said Wang.

Wang also said GSU will not only be hosting the fall tournament Saturday, but also the spring tournament on Feb. 19.

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Storytelling festival at GSU

Courtesy of GSU PR Dept.

Five master storytellers will delight and captivate the audience at "Tellebration!," a free, international event hosted by Governors State University on Saturday, November 20, at 7 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall on GSU's main campus in University Park.

"Tellebration!" storytelling presentations will take place simultaneously across the United States and in a number of foreign countries, said Lynne Clayton, producer of the GSU event. GSU is one of 400 official sites around the



courtesy of bristolstoryfest.co.uk

world that will be hosting storytelling events on the same day.

"This is the first time for 'Tellebration!' in the south suburban area," said Clayton, who is Office Manager in GSU's College of Education and an avid storyteller. "We are pleased to be offering it at GSU and very excited about our lineup of outstanding storytellers, two of whom have national reputations."

Storytellers at the GSU event are:

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Thanks & Giving!

By Danyale Lucado
Editor-in-Chief

the giving of your time and resources can make a difference for others. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Every year for Thanksgiving, my family gathers at my mom's classic Chicago style

bungalow home on the city's south side for dinner. There are usually about 25 noisy kids and adults in the house. We squeeze as many as we can up to the dining room table (the most senior of the family members seated first). The rest of the family including the little ones, scatter about from the kitchen to the basement.

There's music, there's big hearty, loud laughter, yelling from upstairs to downstairs, usually some hilarious banter between my grandmother and grandfather, and a history lesson from my mother at some point before the night ends. We play cards, video games, shoot pool, dance, and watch television specials. It's a beautiful thing. Yet while we laugh, sing, and dance, someone less fortunate is sitting alone.

Someone will spend their first thanksgiving without their mother, father, spouse, or child. Families across this country are having their first thanksgiving since the foreclosure. And many, many Americans will stand in the line of a homeless shelter for the first time.

As we sit in front of the feast we call Thanksgiving dinner, let us each remember that with just a tweak of the right circumstances, we could all be walking in very different shoes. It is for this reason that we lift our hands and give thanks. We give thanks for the safety and well being of those we love. We give thanks for food and shelter during difficult financial times. And we give thanks because, no matter what our circumstances may be, there's someone out there in a much worse situation.

As we give thanks, let us also not forget to give. Give of your time, your resources, your smile, even a hug could make a difference in someone's life. To the whole world, you may be but one person. But to one person, you could be the world. You never know how much your hug, the squeeze of your hand, or the gentleness of your smile can give someone else the strength and desire to make it. Let us all make a vow to not only "thank" during this time, but also to give.

We've compiled a list of upcoming volunteer opportunities in and around the Chicago area, where

McDonald's Thanksgiving Parade

Thursday 11/25/10 8am
Chicago Festival Association
Dan Mulka
312-235-2217
danmulka@chicagofestivals.org
Myvolunteerpage.com

The Salvation Army, Feed the Hungry Blue Island Corp

2900 Burr Oak Avenue
Blue Island, IL
Distribution 11/23/10
Jeannie Ferguson at 708-332-0100

East Chicago Corps

513 W. Chicago Avenue
East Chicago, IN
Thanksgiving Meal, 11/23/10
Major Daniel Paredes at 219-398-2939

Seniors Citizens Give Thanks Luncheon

Emanuel Lutheran Church
Sauk Trail/Cicero
Saturday 11/20/10 (12pm & 3:30pm)

Chicago Heights Caring & Sharing Basket Giveaway

Basket Assembly Friday, 11/19/10 at 4pm
Basket Distribution Saturday 11/20/10 at 10am
1601 Chicago Road
Chicago Heights, IL
Ethel Taylor, Coordinator
708-756-5304

Governors State University Food Drive

Non-perishable food items
Boxes located around campus through 12/19/10

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The Rev. Linda L. Briggs, an ordained minister and inspirational storyteller, who is enthusiastic about providing positive messages for her audience. Many of her stories have an African American theme.

Neil Whitam has entertained audiences more than 1,000 times in the last 18 years. He is a native of Hastings, Nebraska, and a former Chicago area school teacher.

Karen Slager is a children's librarian at the Highland (Indiana) Public Library, as well as a member of the Northwest Indiana Storytelling Guild.

Daniel Hechenberger is assistant professor of social studies education at GSU. He is a former interpretative ranger at the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in St. Louis and founder of

Nipwaantiikaani, an educational non-profit organization that researches Midwest Native American history.

Lynne Clayton has been active in storytelling for several years is a frequent teller at schools, day care centers, nature centers, and senior citizen centers. In 2008, she participated in the "Storytime, Anytime" project at Richton Park Public Library, which created 12 DVDs of stories from 12 tellers.

All "Tellebration!" storytellers perform free of charge. Voluntary donations of non-perishable food items or money made at this free event will go directly to the Rich Township Food Pantry.

For further information, call (708) 534-3075.

GSU FOOD DRIVE

Sponsored Student Life

Boxes are available throughout the GSU campus through December 19, 2010 for the collection of non-perishable food items to feed those who may be less fortunate this holiday season. All items collected will be provided to local area food pantries for distribution.

For more information, contact Vanessa Newby at 708-534-4551.

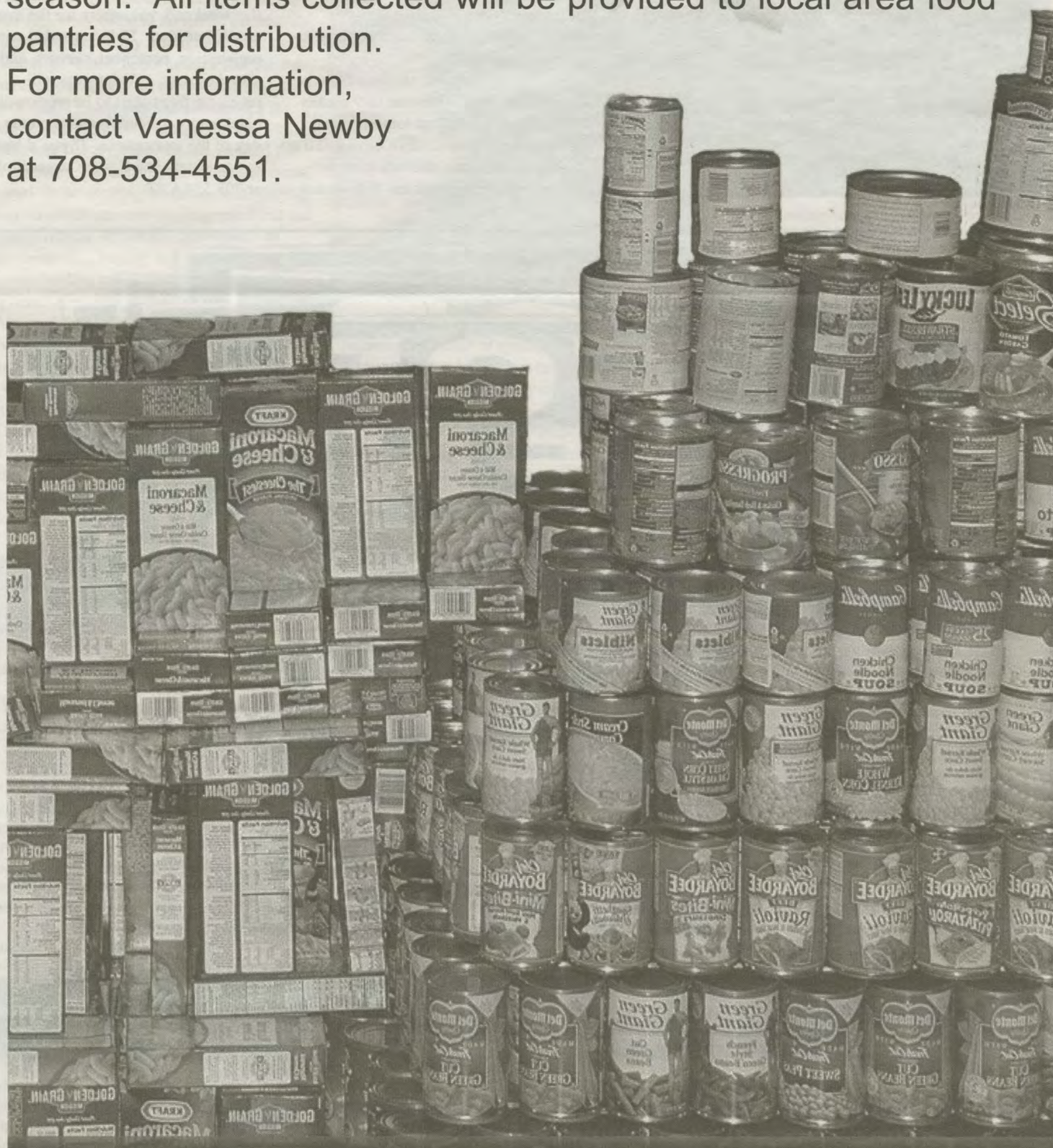
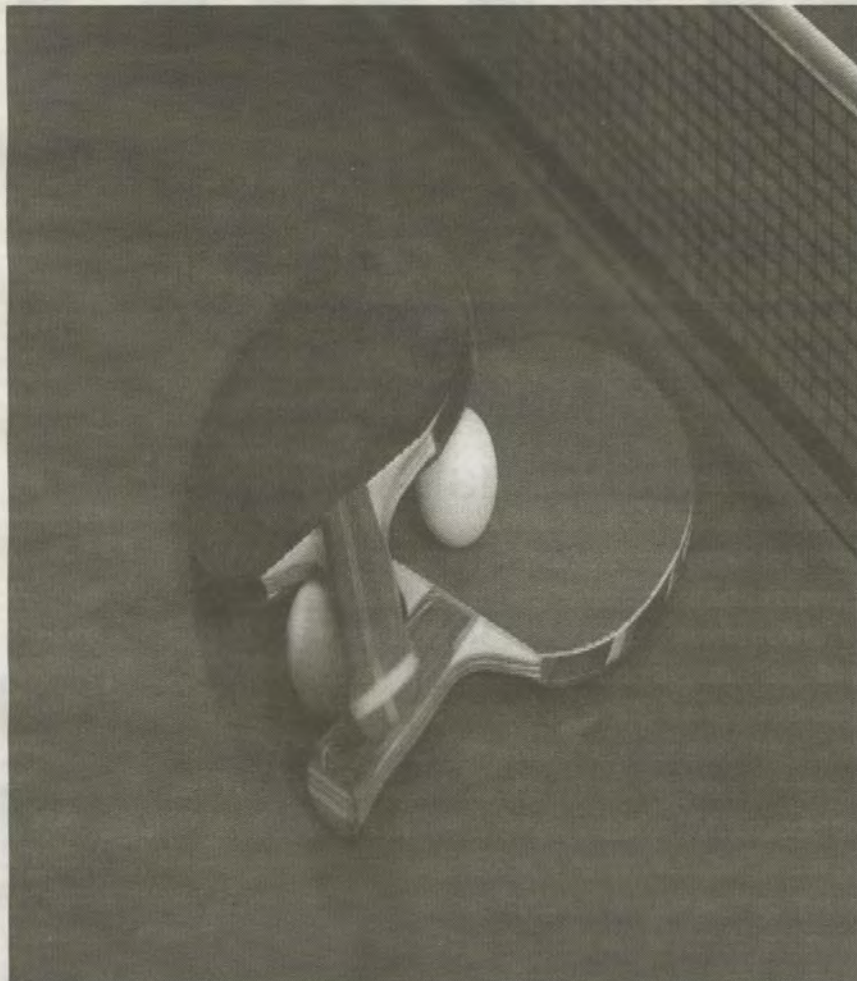


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Wang says, "Schools in each region has to meet (i.e., compete) at least twice in a year before their qualification to the National in April of each year."

"The tournament follows a round robin format. In each school match, there are four singles and one double match. The school which wins the most number of matches receives an automatic qualification to the National," according to Wang.

Members of the team must meet a certain criteria during fall and spring tryouts to be considered for the team. Table tennis skills are as important as academic performance, behavior and conduct.

Wang said there are other qualifications as well.

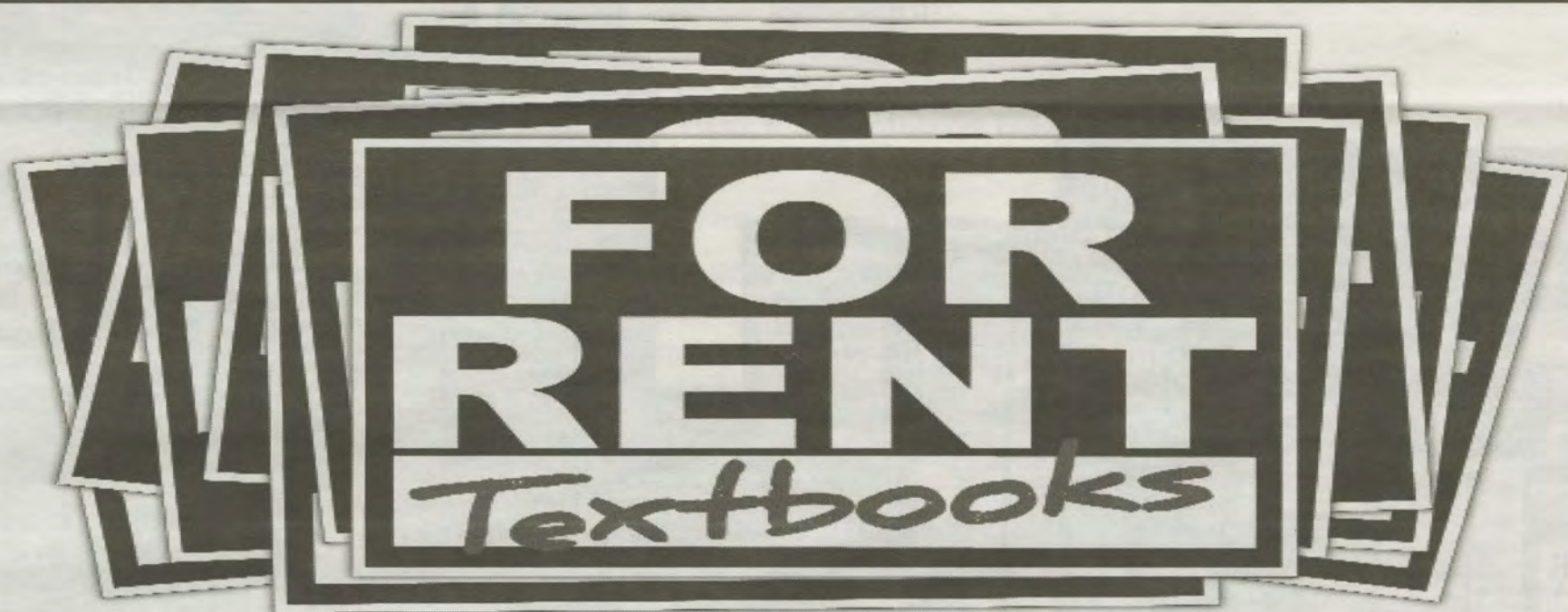
"Undergraduate students must be enrolled for a minimum of 9 credits (unless it's their last semester) and must have a cumulative GPA at 2.0 or better. Graduate students must be enrolled for a minimum of 6 credits

(unless it's their last semester) and must have a cumulative GPA at 3.0 or better," he said.

As head coach, Wang says, "I not only provide technical training (e.g., forehand, backhand, chop, loop, serve, spins, etc.), rules, and competition strategy, but I also build spirits among team members during regular practices."

He also works on purchasing uniforms, equipment, scheduling facilities for practice and competitions, communicates with outsiders, such as reporters, NCTTA officers, vendors, and interested residents.

With the big tournament coming up this weekend, volunteers for the event are still needed. Help is needed with registration, personnel, runners, and scorekeeping. Volunteers will receive a free t-shirt to be worn with black pants and tennis shoes on the day of the tournament. If you'd like to participate call Karen Caesar Smith at 708.534.6360.



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Student Spotlight: Brian McDonald

By Danyale Lucado
Editor-in-Chief

Jamaican-born GSU student, Brian McDonald, has made a life of public safety and is eager to continue. Fifty-six year old McDonald was born in Westmoreland, Jamaica and moved to America with his family at the age of 15. They came to America, he says for the same reasons many immigrants migrate to our country—better opportunities and the fulfillment of the American dream.

McDonald found that fulfillment in a successful career with the Chicago Police Department (CPD) where he has worked for over 20 years. Over those years, he has found the work to be exciting as well as challenging, taking on positions such as gang specialist and narcotics officer, where he participated in undercover drug buying and street level investigations leading to the arrests of major drug suppliers.

Although he has never shot or killed anyone, the worst part of his job, McDonald says, is seeing the dead bodies and trauma—witnessing the violence human beings commit toward one another. “It’s really sad,” he said.

The 20-year veteran conducted most of his narcotics work in Chicago’s Englewood community, where drugs and gang activity take hundreds of lives, many of them school-aged children, every year.

McDonald believes the violence we see playing out in urban neighborhoods is a major societal issue based on a number of elements. “Younger people are having kids and not knowing how to parent. They have no resources. Teachers are overwhelmed. Fathers aren’t around, so there’s really no one to step in to change the path for a lot of the children in these communities,” he said.

According to McDonald, video games with graphic, violent images and interaction have desensitized the value of life for a lot of young people. “It seems to be a badge of honor for them to not snitch on those doing the shooting,” he said.

McDonald says, although single-mothers in the community can be easily intimidated by



GSU student, Brian McDonald

gang-members, they have to take the lead in breaking this code of silence. “They have to understand that bad kids who don’t get caught get worse and the intensity of their crimes increase,” he said.

While some community leaders have taken to the streets by way of community marches as a stand against the violence, McDonald said to truly take back the neighborhoods, they have to stop marching on the main streets and march to

the homes of known offenders.

It’s a bit of a stretch and no doubt a frightening thought for neighbors to consider approaching a resident who’s known for gun violence and reading them the riot act. However, McDonald says the community’s lack of commitment to its own safety is counterproductive to the efforts of police officers.

With administrative challenges like manpower shortages and racial profiling charges, officers go into the streets already feeling defeated.

“We understand that there are more law abiding citizens than law breakers out there. We need to work together to improve the community,” McDonald urged. “When the population of a community is predominantly black, how can you say a white officer pulling over a black person is racial profiling?”

After 10 years of working narcotics, McDonald wanted to try his hand at a more technical side of public safety. For the past five years, he has been a part of CPD’s response to bomb scares, as an explosive technician. “A good day for me now is making it home safe or saving a life,” he said.

But McDonald is not done saving the world. He is now completing an Interdisciplinary Studies program at Governors State University, after which he hopes to work for the federal government, dealing with terrorism and threat response.

The returning college student said he wanted to show his own children, 19-year-old Christian, 18-year-old Endia, 6-year-old Kennedy, and 3-year-old Kendall, the importance of finishing college. “I too have to lead by example,” he said.

McDonald says people would be surprised to know that he’s really an introverted person. “The job has made me a much more social person than normal,” he said. “I’ve always pretty much been a what-you-see-is what-you-get kind of guy.

Officer McDonald has been married to his wife, Muriel, for 12 years and enjoys golfing and traveling.

University Departments Gear up for IRiS

By Allen Babiarz
Contributing Writer

The new semester calendar isn’t the only change happening on campus this year. Recently the GSU administration decided to start the IRiS Project, an overall upgrade of the university’s administrative computing system.

With the IRiS Project many staff and faculty will be working to implement a new student data system expected to go live next year. Loretta Jones, Human Resources Manager said, “The IRiS project is a collaborative undertaking that is critical to our mission of responsible and effective stewardship.”

IRiS stands for Inspire Hope, Realize Dreams, involvement and Strengthen Community and will achieve some of the goals of the university’s long-term plan known as Strategy 2015.

Transforming data from the current data system to the new data system, named Colleague, is a major undertaking. Other local colleges, like South Suburban College, Moraine Valley Community College and Prairie State College have recently switched over to Colleague from the Datatel Company.

When the project is complete, students and staff will be accessing information through their own “Portal,” or web component of the Colleague system. Students will be able to apply, register, pay tuition, and see their grades and schedules, just as they are able to do now. But there will be additional features that are not available now. Staff will be able to access information like payroll, time off and faculty will pull all of their class information from Portal.

Karen Stuenkel, IRiS Project Coordinator did not have a time frame for when students will be able to access their portals. It will be within the 15 months, which is when the project is slated to be completed.

In order to make sure this project is completed successfully, the different departments are broken into 12 teams, all reporting to the Core team. The Core team is the “voice” of all teams, and where they can meet about issues involving overlapping teams.

Human Resources was the first team to start its training in September, and team members from Accounts Receivable and Cash Receipts started training in early October. Towards the end of October, Advancement Contribution Management Team, the Student Financial Aid Team, and the Human Resources/Financial Services Payroll Team had consultants on site to train, according to the GSU View.

In January, the Advance, Financial Aid, Human Resources and Payroll modules of the new system will debut. And on January 1 the new campus portal, myGSU, will be opened for the campus community.

The whole project started out with each team completing process mapping to evaluate the current procedures, and if they will stay the same or be changed. “It is exciting to have the “nitty-gritty” fundamentals of our processes and procedures examined closely and recognized for the value they hold,” said Jones. “I agree with historian and systems theorist Riane Eisler, ‘If it is not measured it does not count.’”

As time goes on, each team will make decisions in order to have their part of Colleague work correctly. They will implement those decisions into the system, and ultimately end up with a finished product within 15 months, according to Stuenkel.

GSU Foundation Awards Scholarships

Twenty-eight Governors State University (GSU) students will receive 2010-2011 scholarships offered through the GSU Foundation.

The GSU Foundation, the university's main fundraising arm, sponsors more than 40 scholarships to deserving students. Scholarships are established through the generosity of donors to GSU, and are designed to assist students seeking degrees in the university's 53 undergraduate and graduate programs.

"It's always gratifying when our students receive scholarships that bring them closer to their goal of earning a GSU degree," said Christine Radtke, the university's director of development. "Students qualify for scholarships by working hard and demonstrating that they will be leaders in their chosen field. But none of this would be possible without our donors, and their continuing commitment to our students, and the Southland region."

The 2010-2011 scholarship recipients are:

College of Education:

Mildred Andalvz, Chicago - David and Barbara Barr Endowed Scholarship
Chetni Cobb, Bourbonnais - Dr. W. Prince and Elsie McLemore Scholarship in Elementary Education
Nakia Frazier, Calumet Park - Dr. Peggy Williams Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Denise Henry, Richton Park - Rich Township Community Scholarship

College of Business and Public Administration:

Valicienne Arnold, South Holland - Community Service Scholarship Honoring Ronald Bean
Shawanna Beard, Chicago - Dr. Curtis J. and Mrs. Gina Crawford Scholarship in Business
Valencia Brown, Park Forest - Rich Township Community Scholarship
Sandra Gustafson, Markham - Percy and Elizabeth Wagner Endowed Scholarship in Business/Finance
Darren Heidt, Monee - Great Lakes Bank Endowed Scholarship
Chengting Li, Park Forest - Wilbur L. Morrison Endowed Scholarship
Shawn McClairn, Calumet Park - Great Lakes Bank Endowed Scholarship
Jamie Peccatiello, Orland Park - Scholarship for Finance and Accounting Students
Asmeen Radee, Lansing - Wilbur L. Morrison Endowed Scholarship
Rachael Severance, Oak Lawn - Lorraine Fontana Endowed Memorial Scholarship
Sotayo Sowemino, Matteson - St. Paul Federal Scholarship
Ronald Wojcik, Frankfort - College of Business and Public Administration Advisory Board Endowed Scholarship

College of Arts and Sciences:

Nick Billone, Tinley Park - Dr. Daniel Bernd Endowed Scholarship in English and Literature
Nina Bell, Flossmoor - Leo and Margaret Goodman-Malamuth Scholarship in Media Communications Technology
Danyale Lucado, Matteson - Donald W. Hansen Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Seweryn Skibinski, Burbank - Donald W. Hansen Memorial Endowed Scholarship

College of Health and Human Services:

Chinar Desai, Wheaton - Dr. W. Prince and Elsie McLemore Scholarship for Physical Therapy
Sharon Gunn, Matteson - Rotary Club Scholarship
Sara Ionescu, Berwyn - Marie Gray Bertz Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Stephanie Kurcab, Woodridge - Dr. Katherine L. Gavin Scholarship
La'Taria Overstreet, Harvey - Great Lakes Bank Endowed Scholarship
Miranda Palmer, Olympia Fields - Great Lakes Bank Endowed Scholarship
Ellen Uhler, Westmont - Annie Lawrence Scholarship
Alicia Uwumarogie, Matteson - Accelerated Rehabilitation Centers Scholars Award

FEATURES

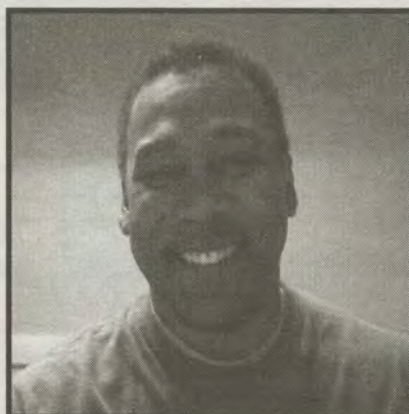
WHAT SAY U GSU?

What's your favorite Thanksgiving dish?



Tempi McLin
BA, Journalism

"Fried turkey, made by my momma. It reminds me of down south and being with my family. Plus it tastes soooo good!"



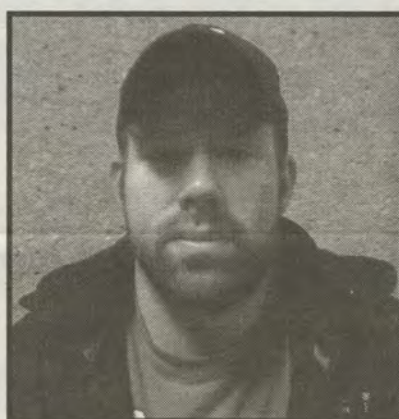
Brian McDonald
BA, Interdisciplinary Studies

"Dressing, made by myself. I love the flavor of the sweet cornbread that goes in it."



Sue Newberry
BA, Interdisciplinary Studies

"Green bean casserole, made by my daughter, Claire. It's a vegetable, it's not too heavy, easy to make, and there's never any leftovers."



Mike Kennedy
BA, Business

"Sweet Potatoes, made by my dad."

Steve's Reviews

GoldenEye 007

By Steve LaVoie
Contributing Writer

Goldeneye 007 probably will not become the well remembered title that the Nintendo 64 original was, but Wii owners would be doing themselves a disservice by not giving the game a chance.

Goldeneye 007 tries to walk a tough tightrope, trying to infuse the spirit of the original into a modern first person shooter, and succeeds more often than not. Silent melee takedowns, destructible environments, and the ability to quickly hop over obstacles are merged with something not seen since the old days of the genre called great level design.

While they may not be quite the same levels as in the original game, they actually feel like heavily expanded versions of their old selves, they don't lull you off to sleep like too many modern games do and demand to be replayed. However, there are too many quick time events. The events in the early levels are clever, but after that most of them are all about opening a stubborn door.

While not as slick looking as it would be if it appeared on the PS3 or Xbox360, Goldeneye on Wii still looks good. Along with Daniel Craig replacing Pierce Brosnan as James Bond, all the other characters have

been altered and recast, but the motion capture work has been handled surprisingly well, with the dialogue matching character actions and enemies stumbling when hit and sliding behind obstacles.

Multiplayer has been handled very well. Unlike my experiences with Super Smash Bros. Brawl and Tatsunoko vs. Capcom, it took very little time to find and start playing an online match, and only during one match

was their any noticeable lag. The Black Box mode, where one team tries to destroy a black box while the other team tries to hold onto the box is unique and enjoyable, Black Box matches were among my favorites.

You do have to earn higher ranks to unlock new items and modes for online play, but you can get points towards a higher rank in a variety of ways. Where multiplayer falls on its face are the Sewer and Memorial levels, which were just boring and dark, but seem to be popular because they usually won the map votes between games.

While it won't set the world on fire like the original, this new Goldeneye not crawls but leaps out of the big shadow cast by its predecessor.



3 stars out of 4

Platforms: Nintendo Wii(reviewed) and Nintendo DS

WHAT'S UP

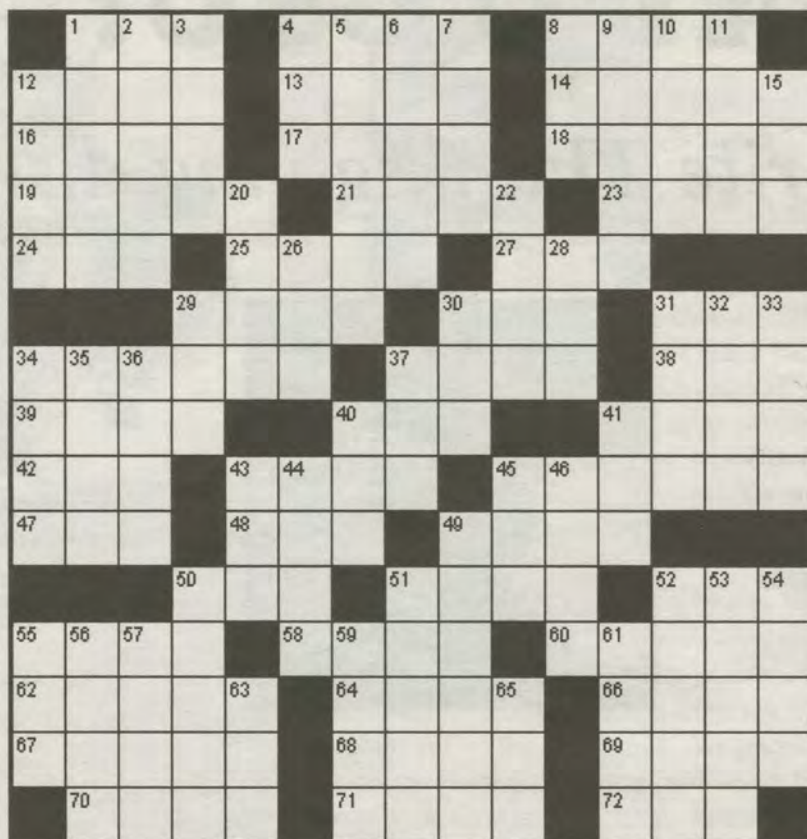
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Crossword: solution found below

Across

1. Snakelike fish
4. Assist in crime
8. Particle
12. Imitate
13. Fruit
14. Pulsate
16. Bad time for Julius
17. Border
18. Wipe out
19. Laconic
21. Sediment
23. Additional to or different from
24. Attempt
25. Slightly open
27. Cut down
29. Form of transport
30. Vitality
31. Fuss
34. Study of plants
37. Bill of fare
38. Napkin
39. Quartz used in cameos
40. Used to control a horse
41. As well
42. High mountain
43. Fraud
45. Each
47. Cereal grass seeds
48. Paddle
49. Aromatic herb
50. Fitting
51. Champion
52. Droop
55. Tablet
58. Aspersion
60. Languish
62. Residence
64. In the middle
66. Halo
67. Defamation
68. Shade of blue
69. Pack tightly
70. Medieval land worker
71. Hinge joint
72. Conifer



Down

1. Type of duck
2. Mineral used as an abrasive
3. Not as great
4. Simian
5. Pandemonium
6. Avid
7. Woody plant
8. Consumed
9. Tossed
10. Unwritten exam
11. Flowerless plant
12. Glove
15. Insect
20. Yield
22. Tibia
26. Crested bird
28. Flightless bird
29. Charge
30. Animal doctor, in short
31. Fit
32. Saucer
33. Woodwind instrument
34. Male hog
35. Merely
36. Variety
37. Coalesce
40. Saloon
41. Be unwell
43. Jump
44. Annual grass seeds
45. Melody
46. Gambit
49. Infer
50. Tree with cone-like fruit
51. Person
52. Fry quickly in fat
53. Pointer
54. Chew
55. Buddy
56. Wading bird
57. Part of the ear
59. Long and thin
61. Facile
63. Mischievous fairy
65. Staining substance

Happenings

What's Going on at GSU?

International Volunteerism

November 17
1 - 2 p.m.
Engbretson Hall

CenterPoint Open House

November 19
2 p.m.
Room C3300

Credit Score Financial Seminar

November 17
3 - 3:45 p.m.
Engbretson Hall
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NCTTA Regional Table Tennis Tournament

November 20
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Rec and Fitness Gym
Free

Tellebration!

November 20
7 p.m.
Sherman Hall
Free

GSU Spirit Day

Wear black and white
November 18

Legal Aspects of Post-Education Employment Options for Foreign Students

November 18
11:45 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Engbretson

DanceArt Performance

November 22
5 - 6 p.m.
Ctr. for Perf Arts
Reception
6 - 7 p.m.
CPA Lobby

Travel Film Switz., Aus., Ger.

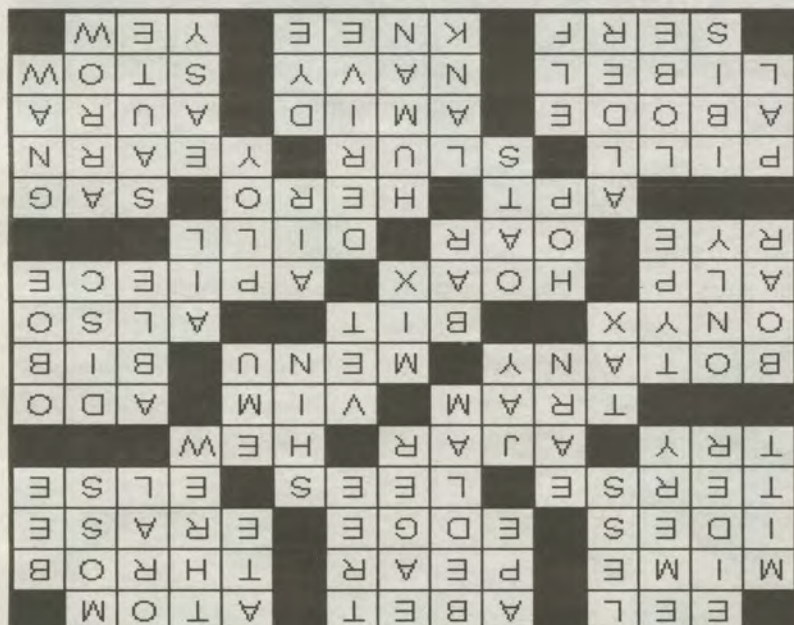
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Table tennis Open play

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Hall of Governors



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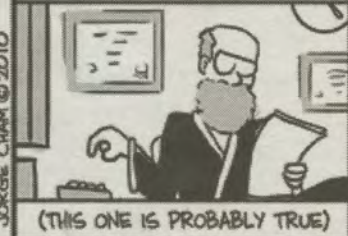
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AT 2am, 4am AND 6am,
WHICH MEANS HE
NEVER SLEEPS.



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